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Minden Hills firefighters battle a cottage fire along the Gull River south of Minden just after 11 a.m. on April 21. The cottage was destroyed. Louise Docherty Special to the Times

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Dorset playground proceeds

► Lake of Bays goes ahead with project despite Algonquin Highlands concerns

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Dorset Planning Group and Lake of Bays township are proceeding with plans for a playground on the old Dorset Public School property, despite concerns Algonquin Highlands registered with the project earlier this month.

At their April 7 meeting, councillors heard plans for a playground on the property that included a 10-year lease agreement between its owner and Lake of Bays township, which would be putting up the insurance for the project.

Council expressed some concerns with the idea, one from Reeve Carol Moffatt was what would happen to the playground after the 10-year lease expires.

While the planning group plans to raise the \$300,000 it would need to buy the property, Moffatt had said it would be cruel if a playground a whole generation of children had grown up with would have to be ripped down.

The planning group has received Trillium Foundation funding for the project and while it had initially wanted to build it in Dorset's common park (the community sits partially in Lake of Bays and partially in Algonquin Highlands), there were safety concerns associated with the initial site.

Algonquin Highlands trails coordinator had said he had other sites in mind to discuss with the group, but, at last week's meeting, Moffatt told council she'd had a meeting with Lake of Bays Mayor Bob Young and that the project

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Blair McIntosh, centre, director of Sport Alliance of Ontario, presented the award to Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, left, and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

Winterfest 2011 honoured

Sport Alliance of Ontario recognized both athletes and games hosts from across Ontario at an awards reception at Toronto's Ontario Place on April 16.

Haliburton County was recognized for its contribution to seniors' sport in Ontario after successfully hosting the Ontario Senior Games Winterfest 2011.

Blair McIntosh, director of Sport Alliance of Ontario,

presented the award to Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

Winterfest is a multi-sport event that provides adults over 55 the opportunity to continue to participate at a competitive level while at the same time continuing to live an active and healthy lifestyle.

The event took place Feb. 15 to 17. The events happened throughout Haliburton County with competitions in Minden, Wilberforce and Haliburton village.

Sports included alpine skiing, badminton, curling, ice hockey, duplicate bridge, Nordic skiing, skating, table tennis, 10-pin bowling and volleyball.

Approximately 1,000 athletes, coaches, officials and 400 volunteers converged on the region during the games.

The Ontario Games is a program of the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport and delivered by the Sport Alliance of Ontario.

Correction

The museum board will consist of Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Councillor Lisa Schell and Councillor Ken Redpath. Last week's *Times* also listed Councillor Brigitte Gall as part of that committee in error.

Man charged in Hwy 118 collision

OPP Briefs

On April 20 at about 8:15 a.m. the OPP was called to a collision on Highway 118 in Algonquin Highlands.

Investigation revealed that a GMC Suburban, towing farm equipment and travelling eastbound, had collided with a westbound Pontiac Vibe. There were no injuries in this collision, however the Pontiac Vibe suffered extensive damage, and was towed from the scene.

A 48-year-old man of Plantagenet, Ont., has been charged with driving left of centre under the Highway Traffic Act.

Stones damaged at Twelve Mile Lake cemetery

The local OPP is investigating damage to several cemetery stones at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery in Minden Hills.

The damage was discovered by municipal employees who care for the cemetery.

Several headstones marking graves appear to have been

Former ASES principal wins Impact award

Seen & Heard Local news & events

Joan Harpell, former principal of Archie Stouffer Elementary School, will be given an administrative leadership Impact of Excellence Award by the Trillium Lakes District School Board at an awards ceremony in Bracebridge on May 11. Harpell is one of six board staff members who will be recognized. Earlier this month, she became principal of Langton Public School in Fenelon Falls.

Library gets provincial cash

The Haliburton County Public Library is receiving \$9,800 from the provincial government. MPP Rick Johnson announced some \$35,000 worth of funding for libraries in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock last week to go towards building collections and programming.

Painting of Twelve Mile Lake, consensus says



In January, Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmont asked readers to help figure out where a 1927 painting by Thomas Wilberforce Mitchell entitled *Builidng Roads in Haliburton* was painted.

Guesses have been totalled and Carmont said most respondents feel the painting was done along Tall Pine Road along Twelve Mile Lake.

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The Highlands Weekender

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The Guilty Plea soon to be released

Coles' Notes

Catherine Coles, Branch Services Librarian

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pushed over. There have been three separate incidents since November of 2010.

Road signs go missing

In 2010, more than 100 Haliburton County road signs disappeared from area secondary and cottage roadways. It is suspected that the road signs are being taken and kept as souvenirs.

Haliburton OPP officers remind the public that these road signs are imperative for directing any emergency personnel who may be responding to emergency calls on area roads and highways.

As well, OPP remind the public that it is a criminal offence to remove the signs, take the signs or be in possession of the stolen signs.

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Problems persist with destructive campers

Crown Lake being misused
Algonquin Highlands staff says, but
restrictions not forthcoming

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township is continuing its efforts to clean up problems with the lake access point at Crown Lake.

For years, there have been complaints by cottagers of camping, partying and intense littering at the lake access point they use to access their cottages.

"They are virtually trashing the environment up there," township trails coordinator Mark Coleman told councillors at their April 21 meeting, adding the activities included the use of makeshift toilet facilities near the water.

The township has been in talks with the Ministry of Nat-

Project too far gone to stop, council hears

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There doesn't seem to be a place for us.

— Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt

would be proceeding.

Young was in council chambers for that portion of the meeting.

Moffatt said she'd been told the project had already proceeded too far to turn back and that Lake of Bays had taken the lead and was working out the lease agreement.

"There doesn't seem to be a place for us," she said.

Council hadn't been made aware of the plans for the project between the planning group and Lake of Bays township before April 7 and Moffatt said the planning group would like to see more active input from Algonquin Highlands township at its meetings.

"Maybe Algonquin Highlands can still have a chance to be involved," she said.

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They are virtually trashing the environment up there.

— Mark Coleman, trails coordinator

ural Resources, which owns the access point, about what can be done at the site.

"In the opinion of the author of this report, it is clearly apparent from ongoing and recent discussions with the MNR, that [the] MNR's ability to respond to the situation and issues at hand is significantly limited," Coleman wrote in a report received by councillors at the meeting.

As recently as this month, Coleman met with representatives of the MNR, who he said felt they hadn't received many complaints about Crown Lake.

Coleman said he'd forwarded the complaints the township has been receiving to the ministry.

He said the concentration of the MNR's staff is more on conservational issues, that it had no interest to restrict camping in the area and that if the township wanted deal with the problems at the site, it would have to take the lead.

The site's remote location makes it an ideal location for party animals.

"It's basically the end of the road . . . east from Dorset into Algonquin Park," Coleman said.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she didn't want to see township taxpayers having a difficult time getting to their cottages.

"I think that's our responsibility," Moffatt said.

At the direction of council, Coleman is going to talk to the MNR about the township securing a land use agreement for the site, which he said is minimal in cost to secure.

There have been concerns voiced about camping activities at Livingstone and Troutspaw lakes as well, but the activities there seem to be less severe than at Crown Lake.

Sculptures bring balance to riverside

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Anyone who's passed by the Gull River near Minden Loggers' Crossing pedestrian bridge lately may have noticed some unique sculptures standing along the river's banks.

The sculptures, which consist of stones balanced atop one another, were created by Martin Hanenberg.

Hanenberg, who lives in Switzerland, is in Minden visiting his aunt and uncle, Paul and Angela Franzen, who immigrated to Canada from Germany in the 1950s.

Creating the makeshift art is something Hanenberg does to unwind.

"For me, it's just a thing I do for my relaxing," he said, explaining he's been making the sculptures for about 15 years now and that their creation is a meditative exercise for him.

"If you're not quiet, it's not working."

A social worker at a school, Hanenberg said sometimes he'll make the sculptures with the students he deals with.

Hanenberg builds his sculptures amongst the Alps in Switzerland, but has left them in many other countries as well, including throughout Asia.

He's even made them from warm rocks in volcanic areas of Italy, which he said was difficult since he couldn't hold the stones for very long.

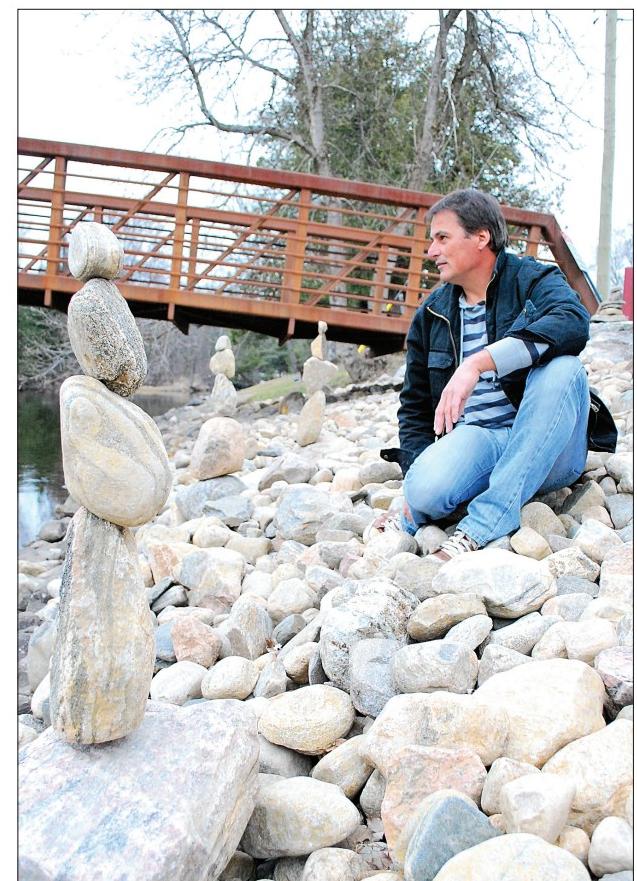
Having built the first of his Minden sculptures during the weekend, Hanenberg said on Monday he was pleased to see no one had knocked them down.

"All the people are respecting them," he said, adding that in many countries, it's common for him to find his works kicked down shortly after he creates them.

Sometimes Mother Nature does the same thing.

"The biggest risk is the wind," he said.

This is Hanenberg's second trip to the area, having come the first time in the late 1970s.



Chad Ingram Times staff

Martin Hanenberg with some of the rock sculptures he's created along the Gull River. Hanenberg, who lives in Switzerland, is visiting family in Minden.

Loucks reflects on a life in health care

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

After a career in health care, one that included shaping Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Foster Loucks is retiring.

Loucks, who was raised on a farm near Canning Lake just outside Minden, has been the head of Ontario's Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) since its inception six years ago.

LHINs, of which there are 14 in Ontario, were introduced by the McGuinty government in 2005 as a way of sharing medical resources within a given geographic area with the goal of making more services available to more people more easily.

In June, Loucks will complete his second three-year term as the Central East LHIN's chairman and rules dictate that the chairperson and directors on the LHIN's board cannot serve more than two consecutive terms.

"It's time to move on and bring a fresh perspective and leadership," Loucks told the *Times* last week, adding the regulation means quite a few members of the nine-member board will be leaving.

He's proud of the work his LHIN has accomplished.

"I suppose you could look at it on various levels," Loucks said, explaining part of the challenge had been creating a conversation about efficiency and resource-sharing between 170 health care providers within a fairly large geographic area.

The Central East LHIN encompasses not only Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough County, but also part of Durham Region and other areas and includes about 11 per cent of the province's population.

"We have been able to begin the process of reaching out and being able to work more closely with the community," Loucks said, explaining a big part of this was establishing governing boards and getting the CEOs of the LHIN's various hospitals together.

"I think we're building a system," he said. "I know when your readers see the word 'system,' they'll probably roll their eyes. But before that, we worked in silos."

Loucks said under the old system, the health ministry lacked a lot of planning and community engagement.

The LHINs have established accountability agreements with institutions with the goal of providing better care.

"That is something that hasn't been done



Chad Ingram Times staff

Foster Loucks is retiring from a career in health care when his term as head of the Central East Local Health Integration Network ends in June. Loucks, who was instrumental in the creation of the amalgamated Haliburton Highlands Health Services and was its CEO for seven years, plans to take some time to relax, but is already talking about the types of volunteer work he'd like to do.

before," Loucks said.

He said the expansions of hospitals in Lindsay and Peterborough, as well as a new cancer treatment facility at Lakeridge have been proud accomplishments of the LHIN.

The LHINs have not been without their share of critics.

Locally, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill

Davis has repeatedly criticized the institutions, pointing out that patient transfers to Durham Region, for instance, will take one of the county's few ambulances out of the area for a good portion of the day.

"I wouldn't say for a moment that the system is perfect," Loucks said, adding that the LHIN had increased transfer staff at hospital

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This time I'm thinking I'll be more formally retired.

— Foster Loucks on his second retirement — this time from the Local Health Integration Network

tals to help reduce the time drain on ambulances doing patient transfers.

Ontario's PC leader and would-be premier Tim Hudak has made eliminating the LHINs, which he calls too expensive and inefficient, part of his campaign for this fall's provincial election.

Loucks said he hasn't heard a solid plan from Hudak with regards to replacing the LHINs.

"He'd be faced with having to rebuild the health ministry," Loucks said.

Looking to the future, Loucks said there would be an increased need for long-term care as the baby boomers age.

A more holistic approach to medicine and the continued integration of services will also be important, he said, adding that there needs to be a change in mindset as to how service is delivered.

"The hospital should no longer be viewed as your main point of access," he said. "You've got to have this hub type of system."

Loucks retired once before, for a little while.

From 1995 to 2002, he was the first CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services and helped with the creation of the county's amalgamated health care model.

Prior to that, he did administrative work for a number of different health care institutions, including in Nova Scotia.

"This time I'm thinking I will be more formally retired," Loucks said.

While he has an interest in doing committee work related to health care in the future, once June comes, for a while anyway, the 65-year-old plans to take it easy.

Loucks makes his home just outside Haliburton Village and his daughter is moving her family to the area.

He is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren.

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Grace and Crystal enjoy some of the cotton candy made by Archie Stouffer Elementary School students.

The great Minden egg hunt

The rain mainly held off and the Easter event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last weekend was enjoyed by dozens of Easter egg hunters of all ages.

Organized by the Archie Stouffer Elementary School student council with lots of help from teacher Kathy Adams and the Minden Hills community services department, the objective was have some Easter fun and to "bury the bunny" in food donations for the food bank.

After some outdoor games and contests everyone gathered inside the common room for the chicken dance while the assistant Easter bunnies from the student council did their magic outside.

Every kid found an egg and earned a bag of Easter goodies and a wonderful Easter cookie donated by Molly's Bistro.

Specially decorated eggs got extra special prizes, and everyone went home damp but happy.

Photos and story by Sian Cox



Hunting for eggs behind the Bowron House.



Kids race around the cultural centre property in a duck waddle race as parents and family follow behind.



Mr. Hicks's Grade 4 class created the winning Easter basket out of natural things in recognition of Earth Day.



Winner of the best baby costume contest dressed as an Easter egg.

points of view

An equal player

I'M TIRED of watching Muskoka push around and take advantage of Haliburton County.

Last week, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt told her council that Lake of Bays township and the Dorset Community Planning Group would be proceeding with plans to construct a playground on the former Dorset Public School property, despite the fact council had registered valid concerns with the project's location at an April 7 meeting.

I'm not going to go through those concerns here since space will not allow it.

Those concerns are not the point, anyway.

The point is Algonquin Highlands, which should be an equal player in the project, is basically being silenced.

Apparently, the project, the planning of which Algonquin Highlands should have been made part of from the get-go, is too far along for any change of course since it's dependent on Trillium Foundation funding.

The Trillium Foundation often extends its funding timelines and what we're talking about here is a playground, not an observatory.

There was still time to make Algonquin Highlands part of the conversation.

But no.

Algonquin Highlands, although it was an afterthought in the conversation, is expected to simply go along for the ride and not ask questions or raise concerns.



Chad Ingram

Reporter

That a Lake of Bays politician came into council chambers last week only to sit and whisper loudly through Moffatt's playground talk was not only disrespectful and rude, but was a glowing metaphor for how much respect his township has for hers.

And this isn't the first time Lake of Bays has shrugged Algonquin Highlands off like an insect on its shoulder.

In that past, Algonquin Highlands has had to go knocking on the door of its neighbouring township to get the money it was owed for performing services as part of a shared services agreement.

If I was that late paying my bills, Hydro One would cut off my electricity.

The trend continues to the upper tiers of Muskoka District and Haliburton County.

In the past, Muskoka has gone ahead with shared infrastructure improvements without consulting Haliburton County first.

In the half-decade history of the Muskoka-Haliburton Children's Water Festival, Muskoka District, while its children attend the event, has provided no funding.

The county contributes \$5,000 a year.

Yes, Muskoka's lakes may be bigger and its cottagers wealthier, but Haliburton's political institutions are every bit as valid and should be treated with the respect they deserve.

It's high time Muskoka's politicians get this through their heads.

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letters to the editor

Mayor responds to playground story

To the Editor,

I read a report in your newspaper posted on April 16 which I assume emanated from the council meeting of the township of Algonquin Highlands of April 7 titled *Council rebuffs playground plans*. I would like to add some additional information to that report which would explain the extreme disappointment felt by the council of the Township of Lake of Bays and, in our opinion, the complete disregard for the needs of the community of Dorset.

The originally proposed site for this playground was sharing limited space with a baseball diamond and an ice rink. On one side of the property sits the fire hall and Algonquin Highlands parks their heavy equipment beside this building. The site is not well fenced, has limited parking and no public washrooms. A staff report from Algonquin Highlands was very negative on the use of this site for a playground,

Rope swing was treasured

To the Editor,

I am a mother of three boys, who totally love going to the rope swing in Minden.

It is part of the summer routine, as well as the summer residents that reside here for the summer season. I was very disappointed and angry to find out that Rick Cox would ruin the children's fun for the summer.

Does he forget what it is like to be a child? It is hard enough to be a kid in this age, let alone to be a kid in the country. Which is why I wonder why he would cut down the rope swing tree? If he is so worried about liability then why did he build a skateboarding park?

I just don't understand why he would do such a thing. Does he not realize that he is just making the bridge a more appealing option? Come on Rick, wake up!

Remember what it is like to be a kid, don't ruin the fun kids and adults have!

Leave the trees. We do love our kids.

Tina Roylance
Kinmount

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points of view

A royal pain

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT. And, frankly, I can't help but think this is some sort of horrible oversight that the Royals and I will laugh about in the years to come - probably when they finally respond to the barbecue invitation I extended to their family way back in 1998.

I bet it's unintentional - something as simple as a wrong number on the postal code or insufficient postage. Whatever the cause, I still haven't received my invitation to the Royal wedding.

So I guess I'll keep the toaster. It's actually quite sad.

Not to brag but we're talking about a four-slicer designed to do bagels - something every young couple starting out needs. It's not the cheapest one Walmart sold either.

And, as if that weren't enough, I bought a fancy new tie just for the occasion. The hula dancer's eyes are flash-

ing red LEDs.

Between you and me, I was sure the invitation would have arrived this week. But it hasn't.

So now I am going to be left to wonder if they went with the roast beef or the more traditional fried chicken, potato salad and coleslaw buffet. Either way, I'm sure it will be a night to remember for those who were invited - like David Beckham.

I'm not obsessing about this though. I bet they'll Chicken Dance at least twice. And, no doubt, Prince William will be a whole lot of fun when he removes Kate's garter belt with his teeth.

Prime Minister Harper and his wife were invited. But, I am not going to

make a big deal of it. And, despite what some people are saying, this has nothing to do with the fact that William and Kate are not invited to my mid-turkey-season potluck dinner. My guest list was just full, that's all.

I should have been invited.

OK, maybe it's time to face cold hard reality. Maybe it's time to stop living in a dream world and accept the sad truth - the postal service screwed up big time.

There is no other plausible explanation. Yes, my invitation got lost in the mail and now Katey and Bill are wondering why I haven't responded. Oh dear, they probably think I'm snubbing them.

This leaves me in quite a predicament. There is, in fact only one solu-

tion - to show up at the wedding and explain my situation to the doorman - perhaps by slipping him a fiver. I could be wrong, but my gut instinct tells me that this would alleviate some of the awkwardness.

Maybe it would even save Canada from international embarrassment - especially if I could stop Stephen Harper from getting near a piano.

In any case, thank goodness that I've come up with a reasonable solution to an uncomfortable problem. I can hardly wait to clank my fork on the glasses and get my table going on a bawdry but hilarious chant.

I bet the Royal couple is going to be quite surprised! And the Queen will be quite amused.

A four-slicer that does bagels? You know, I'll probably be knighted.

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Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Love is in the air

THERE ARE NO TELEVISION antennas on Sapsucker Ridge so the little hairy woodpecker makes do with an aluminium ladder leaning against my cabin wall.

I peer through my kitchen window as he pounds out his song of love and yearning, perched on the side of the ladder.

Now that he has me fully awake from a dream that had a blacksmith, a hammer and an anvil in it, he stops his drumming and cocks his head to listen.

Then he hitches his way up to a better perch, the open end of one of the ladder's tubular rungs and makes another percussive pitch, the rhythm section in the forest's spring torch song.

All of Sapsucker Ridge is a sylvan singles bar these April days, full of chirpers and chitterers, challengers and showoffs, and I love it just as much as if I understood what was happening.

Well, I understand this much. Territories are being claimed and pairs are pairing up, whether for a moment or for a lifetime, and for all of the arrangements in between.

Ok-a-LEEEing red-winged blackbirds set up housekeeping and then fool around on the side, the female

hedging the genetic bet she made on their mates.

An uproar of geese, honking their fidelity in two-part harmony, gabble just over a shrub line on one of the beaver ponds near Sapsucker Ridge.

The Brown Dog Jiggs, who had enough of the geese weeks ago, stands very still beside me and watches a gaudy mallard drake and a dowdy hen drift placidly, perhaps 30 feet away. The drake tips up, looking for dinner.

Across the pond, too far to be identified by an amateur without binoculars, two ducks skitter across the water's surface, wings spread. They lift off, circle back and skitter again. Are these rivals or is this a courtship display? It's a mystery to me, and to Jiggs.

In April, it seems as though there are birds everywhere, often just passing through, but by July you have to look for them, for courtship is extravagant and chick-raising is discreet.

One day I think I see a bufflehead on Black Creek, just south of Moore Falls. Each spring I think I see a solitary bufflehead and know that it must be something else, for why would be a

bufflehead be here, travelling alone, so far from its range.

There are other solitaires. A black duck coming in for a landing on the open, downstream end of Kernohan Pond, coming in just over my truck on the road into town, banking and landing with a splash.

Coltsfoots are making their own kind of splash, little clusters of them dressed up as miniature dandelions our first blossoms of spring on Sapsucker Ridge.

They don't really belong for they are not forest flowers, but everywhere a woods road giving them an opening, they colonize the edges.

Trout lilies sprout everywhere, for there is a race going on all around The Brown Dog and me, forest flowers racing to bloom and do their year's work in the few short weeks before the hardwoods shade them out, birds racing to fledge their young in time for their long flights south.

There is birdsong all around, but it is the raven grunt, the goose honk, and most of all, the woodpecker racket, that stop me in my tracks to take a look.

Stop and listen for a moment. Some-

where off is the distance, or right overhead, there is drumming. Three squabbling hairies raise a squall that sounds more like a catfight.

A pileated woodpecker drums, swivels his head, listening for a response, looking like a windup toy, as though the head swivels wind up a coiled spring to release another outburst.

There is a pileated mystery at the heart of Sapsucker Ridge where the same pair, mated for life, was part of each sap-gathering, syrup-boiling spring.

But this March the couple was missing, or silent. There was no cackling back and forth through the tree tops, no great swoops of black and red overhead.

And then, one day, three pileateds chase through the treetops. Is this a widow being courted or did time and nature hang a Vacancy sign out over the Ridge?

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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Lake of Bays mayor hopes negativity doesn't jeopardize grant

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especially for the safety of the children using the facility, and we agreed that safety was a problem with this site.

Nearby, the old school ground is currently in private hands. It is large, has a well, has a usable septic leaching bed and is properly fenced. This site was offered to Algonquin Highlands on a 10-year lease for the cost of the property taxes (\$2,000 per year). They turned it down. When this site was offered to the Township of Lake of Bays, we jumped at the opportunity. Here was

everything the community needed – safety for their children and a playground, picnic tables, the ability to have public washrooms, the ability to have extra public parking and the encouragement to visitors to park their cars and enjoy all that Dorset has to offer. We are developing a lease agreement with the owner for approval at our council. But Algonquin Highlands rebuffs these plans! They will not pay the property taxes – we will, if needed, but I'm certain the people could fundraise that amount. Algonquin Highlands is worried about property maintenance and trash – we'll look after that.

Their main concern is that the owner will wish to sell the property in 10 years. Our response is, make certain there is a clearly defined exit agreement from the lease with no obligations on either township to purchase the property. Maybe it would be a good idea to purchase it, maybe there will be public fundraising to, maybe, unfortunately, there will be a need to relocate the playground – all maybes. But in the 10 years, Dorset will enjoy the facilities. Is that not worth some uncertainty in 10 years? If we never acted on opportunities because somewhere in the future there might be a problem, we

would be paralyzed by inactivity.

We plan to proceed with this opportunity if the negativity of the council of Township of Algonaquin Highlands has not jeopardized our ability to retain the Trillium Foundation funding already applied for and granted. Let us hope, for the sake of the people of Dorset, that we can convince the granting authorities that this is a good social infrastructure investment.

Bob Young
Mayor - Lake of Bays

What is the most important issue?

To the Editor,

What is the most important issue facing our country in this election? If it is not having to register your gun, you will likely vote Conservative. If, as I feel, it is how our democracy is being eroded, you should not vote Conservative.

Stephen Harper was elected as a "transparency in government" advocate, yet his government, the most secretive ever, was brought down because he steadfastly refused to give our democratically elected representatives the information they needed to do their job. The last straw was a persistent refusal to disclose the true cost of the prison expansion and fighter jets. This justifiable complaint about a severe breach of democracy, Stephen Harper calls "bickering".

He, despite having a minority government, consistently refused to compromise with the other parties, who, jointly, had garnered more votes than the Conservatives. Parliament was shut down, twice, because he was afraid to lose power. The truth has been bent to incredible angles. Decisions have been made at the PMO level (Prime Minister's Office), resulting in a top down governance which brooks no dissent on any issue. People, even those hired by

the government, were dismissed when their reports didn't agree with the prevailing ideology. Conservative MPs have been muzzled. Only a few ministers have been allowed to speak for the Harper government. That is even more evident in this election, as a number of Conservative candidates have refused to attend "all candidates" meetings in their own ridings. Harper, himself, will not take off the cuff questions from the journalists following his campaign.

There are too many incidents of this government's disdain for democracy to mention, but the latest is one of the most heinous. At a time when all other parties are trying to get young people to vote, the Conservatives have lodged a complaint about polling stations at our universities. This has resulted in the removal of these stations all over the country. It doesn't get any more mean-spirited than that. Why does Mr. Harper fear the leaders of the future?

If you want a government that respects Canadians and their elected representatives, Stephen Harper has to go. In this election, please vote strategically. Stand up for democracy.

Pat Brezina
Minden

Who's winning?

To the Editor,

So who will win this election? Well, who won the last election? Was it really the Conservatives with 37.7 per cent of the vote and 143 seats?

Why couldn't the Liberals and the NDP form a government by themselves?

They had almost a million more votes between them than the Conservatives.

941,731 more votes to be precise!

Come to that did those 971,731 votes mean much?

Not to people who complained that the Liberal/NDP coalition of 2008/9 was illegitimate when it needed the support of the Bloc.

Bah!

Change the system to avoid this problem. Many other countries have.

Why is Canada so backward?

So who's winning?

Is this a national election or the Stanley Cup playoffs?

Have you seen the latest opinion poll?

Hockey is indeed about winning but national elections should not be because winners naturally create losers and that is not good.

It's certainly not good to have distorted victories.

An election is about naming representatives because all of us cannot go to Ottawa ourselves to debate and vote.

We must find a way to accomplish this; to have representatives in Ottawa who fairly represent the views of the electorate.

The winner take all system as it is now arranged does not fairly accomplish this.

To put this a different way, how is it possible for any candidate who campaigns with a specific policy in conformity with his party to turn around and represent all those who voted for some other candidate against him?

We need to find a way out of these problems. Look for solutions at www.fairvote.ca (Fair Vote Canada) and www.dwatch.ca (Democracy Watch Canada).

Jim Milne
Haliburton



Free county maps are available at tourism offices across the county.

New county maps

Jade Fisher
Echo Co-op student

Skylar Canada has created some new eye-catching county maps that will be available soon.

Featured on the maps are local organizations that wished to be advertised, businesses that purchased a spot for their location and points of interest.

Maps can be picked up for no cost at any of the participants' locations or at the county tourism office. "We made the maps to help visitors appreciate this area of Haliburton in a user friendly way," said Blaine DeVouge, project coordinator.

Partners of the publication include the county, who have the right to reprint as many copies as it wants for five years.

In charge of graphics and design for the maps was Geoff Gardner who did an excellent job making them vivid and attractive.

This is the first work Gardner has done regarding Haliburton County and it took about five months to complete with his dedication to detail.

The detailed work paid off in the end.

"I chose this project because it looked like a real challenge, and it was," said Gardner. "I also like being involved in initiatives that promote local and northern enterprises and events."

These maps will be ideal for tourists coming to visit our county who don't know their way around very well since the features are so realistic that it virtually replicates the stores and scenery.

Sherry Welsh asks for the public's help in raising money for Lions Camp

Lions Camp Dorset has a very special place in the heart of Lion Sherry Welsh, a member of the South Brant Lions Club, and the District A-2 Chair and director of fundraising for the camp.

It is the only camp in Ontario that caters to people and their families where a family member is required to undergo dialysis for kidney disease.

Welsh's sister and her family thoroughly enjoyed attending the camp for several summers until kidney disease ultimately took her life.

For the past three years, under the banner of Karen's

Quest, Welsh has organized long fundraising walks – approximately 600 kilometres each year.

These walks have raised funds for the camp, raised awareness of organ and tissue donation, and have given local high school students an opportunity to work community service hours.

To quote Welsh, "This year, I will be walking throughout all of Ontario and speaking at any club who wishes."

"This trek will be approximately 3,000 to 4,000 km."

"I am asking for your help and support in any way you can."

Welsh can be reached at welsh.sherry@gmail.com, or by phone at either 519-909-9780 or 519-446-2408.

If you would like her to visit your town or organization, please let her know as soon as possible so she can make arrangements.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 28 th	10 am Council – Council Chambers
April 28 th	7 pm Lochlin Community Centre Committee
May 2 nd	11:00 am Community Engagement Committee – Admin Office Bdrm
May, 5 th	10:00 am Cultural Centre Committee - Rotary Room (MH Library)
May 10 th	10 am Roads Committee - Lutterworth Office
May 12 th	10:00 am COTW/General Committee – Council Chambers
May 17 th	7:30 pm Events Committee – Community Centre
May 19 th	3 – 8:00 pm Economic Development – Council Chambers
May 20 th	12:30 pm Youth Committee meeting – Scouts Hall (MH Arena)
May 21 st	8 am to 11:30 am Household Hazardous Waste Day – Scotch Line Landfill
May 26 th	10:00 am Council – Council Chambers
May 27 th	7:30 PM Cemetery Committee – Scouts Hall, MH Arena
May 30 th	9:30 am and Council Meeting Committee of Adjustment
June 14 th	10:00 am Planning & Dev. Committee – Minden Library (Rotary Room)



Museum Series by Adam Matak - Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Exhibition March 31 - May 14

Matak's exhibition involves paintings and life-size cutouts of people in a cartoon style. A brilliant study of human nature as seen in a museum setting.

Sanctuary – R.D. Lawrence Place

April 29 - December 16

Sanctuary as a theme in R.D. Lawrence's life is explored in this exhibition from his war years to founding wildlife sanctuaries in Ontario and how his writing still makes a case today for more wildlife sanctuaries.

Woodlands: Monika Melichar's Wildlife Sanctuary

April 30 at 2pm

Admission: \$5

Monika Melichar will talk about the trials and triumphs of opening the new Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary outside of Minden and how her years of animal rehabilitation experience brought her here.

The Minden Hills Museum opens for the season on May 3rd with a new exhibit "Summer Picnics" exploring summer time activities and picnics from the county.

Croquet Tournament May 7th at the museum from 10am to 4pm. Compete for prizes and the title of best Croquet player in Minden. A fun day for the whole family!

For more information, please visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

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In general, a building permit is required to erect, install, extend, alter or repair a building. The following are examples of projects that require building permits.

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- Deck replacement
- Additions
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- Interior renovations that change or remove partitions and load-bearing walls, installation of insulation, air/vapour barrier and drywall and changing your HVAC system.
- Installation of a fireplace/woodstove or installation/repair of a chimney.

Unsure whether you need a building permit? Please call the Building Department at extension 209.

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AH council gives a hand to Ski Friends

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports from an Algonquin Highlands council meeting on April 21.

Council granted approval in principle to an agreement with the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre whereby the township's trails department will assume full legal and financial responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the ski trails in the area of the Frost Centre. For decades, the volunteer group has been involved with the operation and maintenance of the trails, including some 20 years when they were operated by the MNR.

"Since the Frost Centre closed, we've been completely on our own," member Ted Koehler told councillors.

Member Wally Ozog said this was the first year the group had experienced financial difficulty, just breaking even.

It still has some reserve funds.

Under the agreement, the group will still help with the trails by continuing to operate their website, assisting in the planning of trail improvements, operating the warm-up shelters and other endeavours.

Councillor Gary Schultz said he thought bringing the trails under the township's auspices could bolster its tourism.

"We're not just a summer-based destination," he said.

The official agreement must still be drawn up.

Watershed update

Judi Brouse, director of watershed programs for the Muskoka Watershed Council gave council an annual update on the conservational activities of her organization, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The Muskoka River Watershed passes through Algonquin Highlands township.

Career & Business Opportunities



County of Haliburton

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Oxtongue firefighters recognized for service

Three Station 70 Oxtongue firefighters received long service awards from Ontario Fire Marshal Ted Wieclawek at the annual OFM Awards Ceremony held April 14 in Port Severn. District Chief Ted Keown received his 40-year bar; Captain Scott Hayden received his 25-year medal and his 30-year bar; and Firefighter Gary Logan received his 25-year medal. The OFM recognizes that families join the fire service, not just individuals and so Carolyn Keown, Linda Hayden and Lynn Logan were pleased to receive the traditional sterling silver trillium brooch from the Deputy Fire Marshal Doug Crawford. Reeve Carol Moffatt and Fire Chief John Hogg also attended the ceremony to support and congratulate the firefighters and their wives. Photo submitted



Cancer survivors are invited to walk the first lap of **Relay For Life** to acknowledge and celebrate their courage in their struggle with cancer. The Survivors' Victory Lap gives survivors an opportunity to share and celebrate their success, to give hope to those that are currently battling cancer and their families, and it is an opportunity to thank everyone for their support.

A complimentary dinner for survivors will begin at 6pm, just before the Victory Lap at 7pm.

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Candidates weigh in on affordable housing

The following was asked of all the federal candidates by the Access to Permanent Housing Committee.

Through the 1970s, Canada had a national housing plan that was envied around the world. However, during the 1980s and 1990s, billions of dollars were cut from affordable housing programs and in 1993 all federal spending for construction of new social housing was terminated. By 1996, the federal government had transferred responsibility for most existing federal social housing to the provinces. By the late 1990s, Canada was the only major country in the world without a national housing strategy. In recent decades, Canadian policymakers have consistently failed to implement policies or allocate adequate funding to meet this country's housing rights commitments. What steps will you take to rectify the growing lack of affordable housing for the citizens of this community who are in most need?

Susanne Lauten: Green party



For solutions to the challenge of affordable housing, I turn to the Green Party of Canada's national policy document, Vision Green.

It's available online at www.greenparty.ca. These practical and fully-costed solutions are available to Canadians 365 days of the year - not hastily cooked up in the heat of an election campaign. In fact, Vision Green has won an

approval rating of B+ from one of Canada's top economists, Don Drummond, former chief economist of the TD bank.

Over the next 10 years, the Green Party is committed to building 20,000 new and 10,000 rehabilitated affordable units per year, all across the country. Financing would

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come from capital grants and changes in tax and mortgage insurance regulations.

We would also provide credit and loan guarantees to non-profit housing organizations and cooperatives for the building and restoration of quality, energy-efficient housing for seniors, people with special needs and low-income families.

And private developers would receive incentives to include a portion of affordable housing in their new projects.

Whenever I discuss major projects, I make it a point to explain where the money will come from. Here's one source, for example. Did you know that our federal government doles out two billion dollars a year, every year, to the oil and gas industry? We build roads and harbours for foreign companies like Royal Dutch Shell, and even help pay for their research.

Why are our tax dollars subsidizing the world's most profitable companies, when vulnerable Canadians need an affordable place to live?

Could it be because the most neglected sectors of our society have never risen up to vote in protest? Is it because these people are so used to being ignored that they feel powerless? The Green Party has the tools and the will-power to build affordable housing where it's needed. Give us the job to do it.

Laura Redman: Liberal party



I have been attending housing conferences and consulting with social housing experts throughout the last year and I understand that the current and future need is great within this riding. I also understand that the system has failed since the federal government walked away from its commitment to investing in housing projects.

Within this riding, we need all levels of housing - including rent-gearied-to-income - I know that there are currently 1,500 people on a waiting list across the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, with 125 new applicants each month, and a 3 to 5 year waiting list.

Across the country, 25 per cent of Canadians are facing affordable housing issues. We also have a great need for affordable housing for seniors and first-time home buyers.

Employers within the region are saying they are having difficulty attracting workers when there is limited hous-

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We will immediately increase our investment in affordable housing by \$550 million in our first two years.

— Laura Redman, Liberal

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How to rectify the local need for inexpensive dwellings

ing available. A Liberal government is committed to working with all levels of government to renew the Affordable Housing Framework, replacing a collection of temporary programs.

We will immediately increase our investment in affordable housing by \$550 million in our first two years of government, in an effort to reduce homelessness, maintain and renew existing housing stock and to stimulate new construction of affordable housing projects.

Barry Devolin: Conservative party



As the federal conservative candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, I recognize the need for affordable housing in the riding. The federal government has bolstered the labour market and invested in housing through its Economic Action Plan, creating over 460,000 new jobs. Actions the Conservative Government has done to help low-income Canadians and their families are:

- Unprecedented investments in skills training - 1.2 million Canadians upgraded their skills last year alone
- Introduced the Working Income Tax Benefit to make work pay and help low-income Canadians over the 'welfare wall' - close to 1 million Canadians benefitted in the first year alone
- Introduced historic Registered Disability Savings Plan to help Canadians save for the long-term financial security of a child with a disability
- Provided increasing and predictable funding to prov-

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Recent local federal investments: Haliburton, August 2009, \$914,912.

— Barry Devolin

inces and territories through the Canada Social Transfer - Made investments in affordable housing that are creating jobs and providing help to vulnerable Canadians, including seniors and persons with disabilities - 12,000 projects completed or underway to date

Recent Local Federal Investments:

Lindsay - September 2010, \$1.08 million, 18 affordable units for persons with disabilities, all three levels share costs

Fenelon Falls - September 2009, \$1.75 million, 25 new rental units for seniors and individuals with special needs

Haliburton - August 2009, \$914,912, Haliburton Housing Corporation over two years for repair and retrofit to existing local social housing units.

For the past five years the Conservative Government has been committed to helping vulnerable Canadians become self-sufficient and fully participate in their communities.

I recognize there is always room for improvement with any program, but I feel the federal government is making the right strides in combating the affordable housing situation in the country.

Our government will continue to work with the provinces and municipalities to ensure those in need continue to get the assistance they require.



Lyn Edwards: NDP

New Democrats will again put forward Bill C-304 a National Housing Strategy bringing all levels of government together behind a plan to make sure every Canadian can access decent housing without sacrificing other needs like food, heat and education.

New Democrats brought this bill to the House of Commons in early 2009.

In addition to new housing, New Democrats will upgrade and retrofit Canada's Stock of public and co-op housing in cities and rural areas, as well as in First Nations communities. Our Bill C-545 an Act to Eliminate Poverty also addresses affordable housing.

New Democrats have a proven record of taking action. I believe in the aforementioned measures and will stand up for them to bring action home to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

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Vandalism, prank calls reported by Liberal candidate

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A number of federal Liberal candidates throughout the province are reporting that residents in their ridings are receiving phone calls from people pretending to be part of their campaign teams and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidate Laura Redman is one of them.

Redman told the *Times* last week that a number of people in the riding, mostly farmers, have reported receiving strange calls from people posing as part of her campaign team, "and in one case, pretending to be me."

She said these callers were spreading false information and in particular that she is a supporter of only organic farming.

"That is ridiculous," said Redman, who grew up on a family farm near Brampton still operated by her brother.

Agricultural issues and increased support for farmers has been a major part of Redman's campaign.

While she stopped short of making allegations that Conservative opponent Barry Devolin was connected to the phone calls, she noted that Devolin is using a call centre as part of his campaign.

"My campaign doesn't engage in any of these nefarious tactics," Devolin told the paper. "I think it's unfortunate that anybody does this kind of thing."

Redman said she'd also had a large number of signs go missing from along corridors of highways 35 and 48 and had contacted the police.

She said she didn't know why people were employing these kinds of tactics.

"Can we just stick to the issues?" she asked.

"We're losing signs too," Devolin said, adding that having



Federal Liberal candidate Laura Redman is reporting a high number of missing signs and prank calls to residents from people posing as members of her campaign team or herself.

Chad Ingram
Times staff

signs stolen is something that all candidates face. "Sometimes it's adolescent mischief. In terms of the phone calls, we have nothing to do with that."

Redman said she didn't think it was coincidental that the candidates being targeted by the phone calls all seemed to be Liberals.

The Liberal party sent out a press release last week "warning residents about Republican-style harassing phone calls as evidence mounts of an aggressive, unethical scheme organized and coordinated by the Liberal party's political opponents."

"In several ridings, residents are receiving rude, harassing phone calls from a 701 North Dakota area code that fraudulently represents itself as calling from a Liberal campaign," the release continues. "Reports made to campaign office confirm that the calls have been made repeatedly, sometimes very late at night or early in the morning."

The calls were first noticed in the Lawrence-Eglington riding of Liberal candidate Joe Volpe and Volpe has requested a formal investigation into the possible violation of the Elections Canada Act.



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Arts council cancels this year's gala

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands is announcing the cancellation of the annual Arts Honours Gala.

For the past four years the gala was a celebratory event for the arts, artists and supporters in the community. It included a dance, live music and awards.

With more than 250 members the arts council's new board of directors (as of last autumn) made the decision to cancel the event at a strategic planning initiative in Novem-

ber 2010. The decision was announced this past week.

Council chairwoman Lesley English said the council still acknowledges the importance of a celebration and to recognize community members and artists, but factors such as sponsorship burnout and the burden the gala puts on staff and volunteers factored in the decision.

"With the gala it just took a huge amount of human resources. We had an entire committee working on it for basically three months ahead of time," she said. "In an organization such as ours where we really still depend on a core group of active volunteers, you risk burning out your volunteers. You also risk burning out staff."

There are two staff members and close to 30 volunteers

who regularly help with the gala.

Council will redirect its energy and focus on other existing projects that they are in partner with or lead themselves including cultural mapping Haliburton County, the arts directory, and the Artists in the Schools program.

The annual awards, which are still a priority for the council include five categories such as youth artist, emerging artist, arts supporter, founder and artist of distinction, will still be handed out sometime this year.

The membership committee is considering options and plans.

A dance event is tentatively scheduled for November.

Minden Rotary to host bluegrass festival in July

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Minden Rotary Club is hoping folks will have a toe-tapping good time at its first bluegrass festival this summer.

The Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival will take place the weekend of July 16 and 17 at the Minden fairgrounds and people who are camping for the weekend will be able to show up as early as Thursday, July 14.

"The Rotary Club for many years has done the summer carnival," president Dennis Casey told the Times, explaining this year the club has decided to go with a different summer event. "There's a really good following of bluegrass people."

Casey said a member of the club has some connections to the bluegrass community and the club also had the help of country singer Johnny Burke and his wife Theresa.

"Their connections are just phenomenal," he said. "It's an incredible lineup."

Some acts include child performers The Tebworth Brothers; General Store; Simcoe County Ramblers; Bill White and Whitepine and the award-winning east coast group The Spinney Brothers, who are also performing as part of this year's Forest Festival at the Haliburton Forest.

There will be a gospel performance on the Sunday morning.

Casey noted that many people who attend bluegrass festivals are playing themselves, often breaking into spontaneous jam sessions and he is hoping to set up an open mike event for the Friday night of the festival.

The event is also bringing some of the community's service clubs together.

The Rotary Club will be joined by the Legion, the Minden Kinsmen and members of the fair board who will run the beer garden, food stand and other amenities as they do some fundraising for their organizations.

Casey said the club is hoping for between 400 and 500 attendees and he is still looking for additional volunteers to help out with any number of jobs.

Vendors are also welcome to rent booths and the event is also speaking sponsors.

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Co-op student marvels at meeting military in Minden

Nicholas Botticella
Times co-op student

First off, let it be known that I am not exactly an active person. My aptitude with sports is practically non-existent, unless playing video games counts. I always prefer to have friends come over to my house rather than walk over to theirs. To be completely honest, there is almost nothing that could possibly provoke me into leaving the couch in my living room after I get back from a long day at school.

However, when your mother tells you that she's home late because the military's stopping in town and asks if you want a look, even I find it a tad hard to refuse.

Midway through April, the Royal Canadian Dragoons (an armoured military regiment) spent a night in Minden, and everyone in the area had the opportunity and permission to meet them in person. To put it bluntly, I found that it was a mesmerising experience. The personnel were more friendly than I thought they would be and while everyone that could was allowed to stand on top of parked vehicles, they were so massive and imposing that it took most of my courage just to walk inside three of them for a few quick glances. As soon as I got back home, I called up a good friend of mine, and then we (plus my dear mother) went to see the army one more time.

My friend, my mother, and I certainly learned a lot about the forces that day, though the passage of time and the burden of schoolwork has made me put aside all but the most



Times co-op student Nicholas Botticella received this package of army rations from members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons when they spent the night in Minden earlier this month. /Photo by Darren Lum

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vivid memories. One interesting factoid I can still remember is the reason why their flag had the image of a deer. I may not be recalling the story with 100 per cent accuracy, but at one point during the Boer War (in the 1880s), opposing forces accidentally startled some deer while sneaking towards Canadian forces. This caused the animals to charge right into the Canadians' lines of sight, tipping them off to an otherwise catastrophic attack.

Rather than data about the military itself, most of my other recollections are all about stuff that I felt personally involved with. We got one officer to tell us that he's really glad to get the chance to tour the area and get an opportunity to spend time with his daughters after eight months in Afghanistan, and how one felt the need to have her mother speak for her last time they talked because she was sad that he wasn't always there for them. And by a coincidence, it turns out that a member of the military personnel that we asked questions to was related to people my mother knew; the owners of the Carnarvon Pepper Mill, to be exact. To quote a famous song owned by the Disney Corporation, "it's a small world after all".

I left the army's temporary camp outside of the arena in Minden with a little more knowledge, a great deal of respect, and a whole box of ration packs given to us by the son of the owners of the Pepper Mill. Should enough people like this article, I might even get the opportunity to go into detail on the contents of these packs and how they'd be prepared on the field. But for now, I'm just honoured for the opportunity to share this story with the rest of you, and that we have great people such as the members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons looking out for people like us.

National spotlight sheds light on dream

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Standing with her parents and seeing her creation at the National Gallery of Canada brought a flood of childhood memories and a realization she had made it.

For Mary Anne Barkhouse, a professional artist based in Minden, her happiness couldn't be overstated since her installation piece *Sovereign* was showcased with the recently purchased art in the Canadian Biennial It Is What It Is: Recent Acquisitions of New Canadian Art exhibition that ended on April 24.

"It's been an amazing process and to go to the exhibition when it opened back in November was fabulous for me to go there and to have my parents with me. Not only have I lived long enough, but my parents. Thank God that they were there to see how everything has come full circle. From me being a little kid, always liking to draw and make things and there I was at the National Gallery with them. It was truly a wonderful experience," she said.

The Ontario College of Art and Design graduate has exhibited her art across the country and Haliburton County in private and public galleries for years, including outdoor venues.

Sovereign was part of her touring exhibition, *Boreal Baroque*, from 2007 to 2009.

This exhibition was showcased at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden during the summer of its last year.

Barkhouse said *Sovereign*, which depicts a bronze fox, reclining on a chaise longue (a long chair), is her first and most important piece. It integrated bronze into her installation work and uses the analogy of the great outdoors as a living space.

"When I look out my back window and I look at this wonderful living space that is habitat for all these different creatures and plants [I think of how] luxurious that is; and how important that is. The idea of that fox sitting on the green chaise longue directly taken from me taking my walks in the woods at the back of my property, seeing all the mosses that are just like this beautiful velvet over the trees and the rocks. And how perfectly these animals have been crafted by evolution to fit into the niche that they occupy," she said. "To have that in a national gallery is really important for me from the point of view this is why I do work to share it with the public ... and you can't get a more public venue than the national gallery."

Barkhouse designed the chaise longue while her significant other, Michael Belmore, also a respected artist, constructed the chair and textile artist Nadine Papp completed the upholstery.

Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount said this is a significant achievement and deserves attention, particularly for a local artist that has had her work exhibited and on display in the county.

"You don't think someone in your backyard gets this recognition to this degree, but . . . that's pretty cool because it's something we should be proud about and boast about," she said. "It doesn't happen every day. It's a big deal."

As far as Carmount, who works to get nationally recognized artists to exhibit in the Minden gallery, knows this is the first installation that has come through her gallery that has been shown at a national gallery.

Local painter Rose Pearson, who learned of the national gallery inclusion from friends while they visited Ottawa this past month, had been inspired and said that Barkhouse's body of work was an inspiration for her niece to study art at the Ontario College of Art and Design.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing my job. That I'm putting these ideas out there and people are responding and that I'm helping to start a dialogue and to open things for not only the county, but everyone," Barkhouse said, learning of Pearson's story in an email. "It starts discussion about art, about environment, about all sorts of things. And it's amazing when someone contacts and tells you."



Barkhouse first learned about the approval for the gallery's purchase of *Sovereign* while she was in residence as a contributor at the Banff Centre for the Arts.

She has only been home for a little more than month and is still coming to terms with the selection.

"It's just starting to sink in now," she said.

Also purchased by the national gallery, which was a complete surprise to her, having no knowledge prior to its viewing, was another installation sculpture called *Harvest*. It was included with a group exhibition showcased at the Wave Hill Cultural Centre in 2009.

This depicts a bronze fox pulling on a blue, taffeta covering from a dining table.

It will be shown at a national gallery exhibition that is scheduled to open in 2013.

The installation sculpture, *Harvest* by Minden based artist Mary Anne Barkhouse was purchased by the National Gallery of Canada. Barkhouse has one other piece at the gallery and it was recently included in an exhibition. *Harvest* will be exhibited by the gallery in the future. /Photo courtesy of Wave Hill

This past year and a half life has been a whirlwind, living deadline to deadline. She doesn't see it slowing down for at least another six months.

She has been busy working on a commission for the Sculpture Forest in Glebe Park for the past year (expected this summer) and is preparing an exhibition for private and public galleries. The Royal Canadian Academy of Arts member is also working on a solo exhibition in a Bowmanville gallery for September, including participation in the Haliburton Forest Land Art Project led by well-known artist Reinhard Reitzenstein for August.

Her work can also be found in collections of the Canada Council Art Bank, the University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

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Surreal student experience teaches real lessons

HHSS student becomes Green Lantern at model United Nations exercise in North York

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When Superman left, she became the most powerful member of the Justice League.

Loretta Kerr thought it was crazy too, but embraced this world of superheroes and arch-villains intent on world domination for three days when she became Green Lantern in the annual Chaminade Model United Nations at the North York Centre from April 13 to 15.

There were more than 150 students from 15 high schools that were either a country delegate or embodied a persona to debate current, past and fictional world issues to learn about the benefits of working together towards a common goal.

Divided into three rooms, the event included the General Assembly of 150 nations held in the municipal chambers of the centre and the crisis rooms held in board rooms where students were taken back into time to the American Revolution

(1775) that led to an alternate future that included Benedict Arnold becoming president, and the fictional world of the Justice League.

This year's theme for the model UN was based on Renewing Our Global Promises.

In previous years one of the crisis rooms included a Security Council scenario, but the Justice League scenario was added in its place this year where Kerr got her first taste of a model UN assembly at one of Toronto's largest, started by the Chaminade College School in 2000.

The Grade 11 student, who knew little about superheroes and less about her own character, Green Lantern, was a little sceptical at first, as were her 13 other counterparts in the room.

She embraced the setting because of the atmosphere created by the three chairpersons, who not only led, but also provided a constant flow of crises.

Kerr, who points out things were bordering on absurd on the final day, started by being integral to the first resolution, killing Black Adam and then factored in the conclusion of the event.

After the Justice League was voted to become the highest form of government over a unified world, she made sure Captain Marvel was elected president of the council and secured her position of first lady of the world by marrying him.

Despite the absurdity of the scenarios she is interested in being part of it again

because the experience taught her lessons she won't soon forget about group dynamics and conflict resolution.

"You have to go into experiences with an open mind because at this particular experience I had no idea what to expect," she said. "I just had to go with it. It ended up being one of the best events I've ever been to."

She and 17 other Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students participated in

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— HHSS student Loretta Kerr

but I think what happens is they leave with a lot of confidence," he said. "It's a real confidence booster especially when you get over that hump of being a little afraid of getting up in front of 150 people to say something. Once you get through that and do that you find yourself [without any fear]."

Many students, he said, are spurred on to pursue post-secondary education in political science and other related fields.

In the past seven years since Haliburton has participated, the students have done well, winning several awards, Longo said, adding he cannot explain it.

"Watching kids get passionate about world issues for me is really neat; to be engaged and to actually read papers and follow stuff in the news and visit websites, including for kids to talk to other kids about world issues. It's a pretty powerful thing to see," he said of why he continues to be involved with the trip.

A little more than a month before the event students are assigned their countries and personas for research and to properly represent the adopted ideals and personalities at the event.

The students also learned about the comprehensive UN procedures and protocol for conduct.

All high school students are eligible. It includes a vetting process that often includes the completion of an essay with an assigned topic, testing the students' ability and interest in world issues.

Second volunteer fair coming up in Minden on May 14

Jade Fisher
Echo Co-op student

In Haliburton volunteers are always needed. This is why Brigitte Gebauer of Community Care, Lynn Higgs Thompson from SIRCH and Canoe FM's Roxanne Casey decided to run the volunteer fair for a second year in a row. On May 14 the Minden Community Centre will be hosting

the three-day event.

Staff facilitator and history teacher Paul Longo said students not only learn about the facts of the countries and people they represent and the way politics work, but also grow personally.

"They come with confidence to start with,

the event. Everyone is welcome to explore, engage and embrace volunteer work.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. you can browse the different information booths set up by local charities. Last year 35 organizations came out to advertise and about 150 people attended. "We ran the fair for a second time because there was an awesome turnout last year as well as great responses. Also, we raised lots of awareness about our county's many needs" says Gebauer.

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— Brigitte Gebauer

to miss this. For just \$25 they can book a booth allowing them to explain to others why their charity is important. New additions to this year's fair include: the writers' and editors' group and the Aging Well Committee. The event's organizers want to see more students this year. Last year there were only five. Volunteer work doesn't just make you feel good; studies have shown that it actually improves your quality of life. Also, it could wipe those mandatory community hours right out or just look great on a resume or college application.

Lunch will be provided at no cost, comedy duo Lo and Mo will be attending and motivational speaker and long time volunteer Sherry Lawson will be discussing why it pays off to give back. Lawson has been a volunteer since she was a child and has been on boards for more than three decades. Currently she is on six. "I have always enjoyed the process of working with passionate people who do non-profit and charity work simply because they care, not because they are getting paid" said Lawson. Passionate community members make such a difference. When asked how she does so much, her reply was "because I can. I have so much I want for nothing. It is my obligation to give back when I am able to. What would Ontario be like if everyone did the same thing?" If you choose to attend it is appreciated if you RSVP to Casey from Canoe FM.



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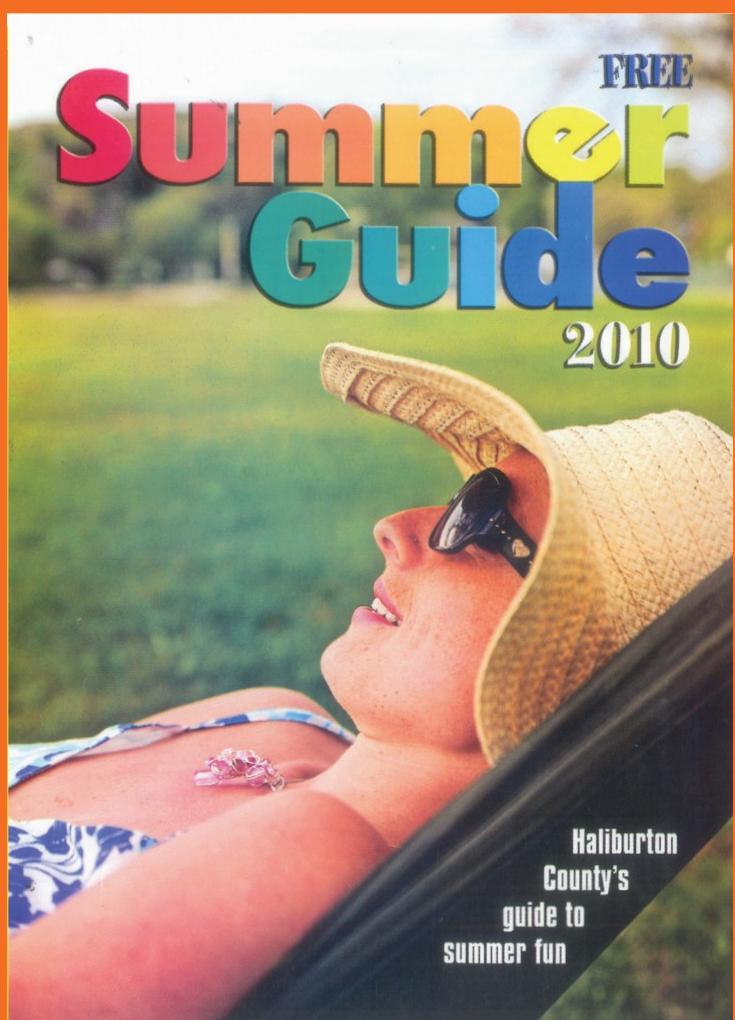
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Table tennis players look to start local league

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A group of table tennis enthusiasts are hoping there is enough interest in the game locally to start up a league.

Some half dozen players met at the Minden Hills Community Centre last Wednesday, April 21, for a few matches and table tennis will continue at the centre each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. until the end of June to see if there are enough people interested to start a league beginning in the fall.

Organizer Dave Lear said he was encouraged by last week's turnout, considering the day's cold and snowy weather.

On one side of the room, two men who had clearly played the game before were going at it with some intense rallies.

"Fortunately, it's like riding a bike," said Paul Stone, who, while he'd been playing a bit lately, had gone many years since playing regularly.

So had his opponent, Vasa Rehacek.

While he'd once been a regular player of table tennis, he said it had been about 40 years since he really picked up a paddle.

All are welcome and should bring indoor shoes and a paddle. Balls are provided.

Anyone interested can call Lear at 457-4032 or Mary Martin at 457-2260.



Chad Ingram Times staff

Vasa Rehacek, left, and Paul Stone go head-to-head in a game of table tennis at the Minden Hills Community Centre on April 20. There will be table tennis at the community centre each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. until the end of June to see if there is enough interest to start up a league.

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Red Hawks kick off soccer season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks senior girls' soccer coach is promising a better year.

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Important screening for women

Once again this spring, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is providing free Pap tests for women in Haliburton County who do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner. The tests

will be provided at the health unit's sexual health clinic in Haliburton. To book an appointment for a pap test with a female registered nurse in their community, women can call the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 205.

A pap test is essential in the defence against cervical cancer. This screening process detects early changes in the cervix caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. If not found and treated, those changes could lead to cancer. As these changes rarely have any symptoms, it is crucial to have regular screening done.

Although it is preventable, approximately 500 women in Ontario are diagnosed yearly with cervical cancer, of these women, approximately 150 women die each year.

Help reduce those numbers by scheduling an appointment for a pap test. It is a simple, effective screening tool that could save lives, and is recommended for all women who are, or have ever been, sexually active.

The health unit is encouraging women without a health-care provider to pick up the phone and make that call to be screened for cervical cancer.

- submitted by HKPR Health Unit



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Around the Town

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Easter Saturday numbers at the old farmhouse rose into double digits with the arrival of welcome family and their "significant others". Apologies may be in order as I am not really up to date on the latest politically correct terminology but think that "a person of interest" has taken on more of an investigative than romantic overtone. It was great fun with super food leftovers and yellow lab Taffy is gradually recovering from all that forced outdoor exercise.

Now for some firsts worthy of mention. Earlier in the week, after so many frustrating years of dial up, high speed internet service was finally installed here thanks to a knowledgeable technician who persisted in spite of very difficult weather conditions. Frequent moose tracks on the beaver pond path gave way to an incredible actual sighting just outside the dooryard fence as the huge animal moved slowly along then later when arriving for dinner at Norland's Riverside Inn we found new owners and new menu offerings. It is well worth a visit.

FirWith so much concern about the environment here is your chance to "walk the walk" and give the Kinmount

Sparks, Brownies and Guides a helping hand with spring cleanup. As has been the custom for the past 20 years the first Saturday in May is set aside for Town Pitch In Day". Only about an hour of your time is required and gloves plus garbage bags will be provided. Meet at the Railway Station at 9 a.m. to pick your preferred route. There will be refreshments after and the girls will be selling Girl Guide cookies downtown as well. This is a very active unit with meetings held every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. New members are welcome so please call Lynne at 705-488-2919.

Later on Wednesday, June 1st it will be KCPED's Community Planting Day when volunteers will again be welcome to help. The floral plantings were a major positive feature in the "First Impressions" 2010 feedback and add such a beautiful touch to greet our summer visitors encouraging both a photo stop and opportunity to shop. Volunteers are so important to the life of our community and new needs may arise related to local heritage endeavours this summer.

The Spring session of Taoist Tai Chi is now underway from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Monday and Thursday mornings at the Galway Hall. For more information please give Julia a call at 705-286-1444. There are also ongoing Yoga classes offered both on a morning and evening basis at the Kinmount Community Centre. If interested in morning sessions contact Janet Dalzell at 705-488-2630 and for evening

Gail Holness 705-455-9294. Morning fitness is also scheduled ahead of the Tuesday Yoga with the same contact number.

For movie buffs welcome news that the Highlands Cinemas season will open on Friday, May 6. For details as to films and schedules call the Hotline at 705-488-2107 or visit www.highlandscinemas.com. This is truly one of Canada's most unique theatre complexes with five theatres and a film museum. Indeed

the month of May will be a busy one with many events, re-openings and special promotions particularly over the Victoria Day weekend. Watch for these to be listed in next week's column.

Election Day, Monday, May 2 deserves a big circle on every Canadian's calendar. Voting is both a democratic right and responsibility. During this final week the campaigns are heating up so do your homework and head off to your polling station. Watching world events should make us realize how fortunate we are to live in this beautiful land - the true north strong and free.

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Museum looks for trophies



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Dorset News

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The Dorset Heritage Museum is on the hunt for the hockey trophies that were played for in the early 1930s by the area hockey teams of Dorset, Baysville, Dwight, Port Cunnington, and the Portage to name a few. The museum committee is working on a new exhibit of the early hockey teams and would like to have some of the old trophies to add to the exhibit. The museum is hoping that anyone reading this article will be able to help them out in their quest.

Any photos of the teams would also be greatly appreciated. The museum has team photos of the Dorset teams, but none of the other area teams. Please contact the museum if you know where the trophies are, or have any photos to share at 705-766-0323. Two of the trophy titles were The Butler Trophy, and the C. Wall Cup.

The annual village clean up takes place this Saturday and all individuals and local community groups are invited to participate. Dorset Pitch In Day takes place on Saturday, April 30 meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre for litter clean up supplies at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and treats will be served for helpers afterwards. This is a great way to join in

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Let's talk garlic



Gina Atkinson
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Birthday greetings to Cosmo! Last Sunday he turned two and isn't so little anymore! He's energetic, loves people and has been a riot. As you know both Bella and Cosmo sing when I play the harmonica. Well now, Cosmo has taken to howling on his own whenever the fire or police sirens go by. He gets up and runs to the window to howl every time! No Cosmo, you're a boxer not a dalmatian!

Last Sunday, Kay Barrow and I attended Easter mass at the Zion United Church. Very unusual for me, it's been years since I attended Easter mass! It wasn't the structured stand, sit, stand, sit that I remember from years ago. It was mostly singing, and although I didn't know the songs, it wasn't hard to join in.

The Zion United Church has some announcements I will share with you. First, next Sunday there will be a joint service at 10 a.m. at the Maple Lake United Church in celebration of Earth Day, featuring the Outloud Womyn's Voices. So, remember no service at the Zion this Sunday.

The other announcement is an invitation to all the ladies from the ladies of the Zion United Church. The ladies are presenting their annual Friendship Spring Tea May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. All are invited!

Now, let's talk about garlic!

It depends on whose nose is doing the sniffing but to true garlic lovers it's a bulb all packaged up neatly with taste and aroma.

Soon most of us will be harvesting our garlic crop from last year and enjoying every moment of it, from watching the little plants peek through the ground and grow at a fast pace into all stages of being edible.

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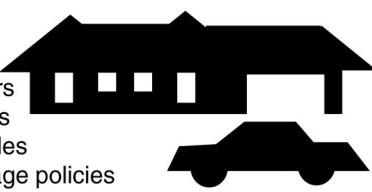
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The secret life of onions

from page 24

I personally love the scapes; those tender shoots are amazing in just about any dish!

Anyway, it's that time of the year again and if you have any intentions of growing garlic, the Haliburton County Garlic Growers invite you to attend their annual spring workshop.

There you can learn all the neat tricks and hints by "seasoned" garlic growers from our county.

The workshop will cover location, soil conditions, varieties - actually everything you will need to know.

It will be held Thursday, May 5 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre in Minden starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and admission is by donation. It's a well-organized workshop with oodles of information, so try to attend.

If you require more information, please call Sheila Robb 705-489-4201 or by email at robbssheila@gmail.com. Or check out their website at www.halibutongarlic.ca.

The other day I received an interesting email in regards to the onion, a close cousin

of the garlic.

There were some things I didn't know which I will pass on to you in brief, if you want a copy of the whole article drop me a line and I will forward it to you. It's worth reading.

Apparently, in 1919 when the flu killed 40 million people a doctor visiting different farmers' homesteads came across one family that were all very healthy. The difference being that the farmer's wife placed an unpeeled onion in each room of the house. The doctor taking one of the onions back for testing discovered it to contain the flu virus. It absorbed the bacteria and kept the family healthy.

Another interesting fact is that onions should only be cut up and used when needed because they do collect bacteria, possibly the cause of those unexplained stomach ailments that we blamed on something else.

The article contains much more but space is limiting. Very interesting!

Actually, believable because I remember my Ma making us kids wear garlic necklaces, I guess the onions were too big.

Have a great week!

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New exhibit opens

Sanctuary was an important theme in R.D. Lawrence's life from surviving combat in two wars to opening two different wildlife sanctuaries. The new exhibit at R.D. Lawrence Place explores this theme and will open on April 30 and run through to Sept.

Special guest speaker Monika Melichar will present stories about the trials and tribulations of running Haliburton's newest wildlife rehabilitation centre since the Lawrence's Wolf Hollow closed. She will discuss the mission of her sanctuary and discuss the future of our native wildlife.

Melichar was educated as a zoologist at the University of Guelph, during which time she worked with the Ministry of Natural Resources at the Loring Deer Station. After graduation, she was employed at the Metro Toronto Zoo as an assistant to the Curator of Mammals. In 1988, she became immersed in wildlife rehabilitation through the OSPCA, Toronto Wildlife Centre, veterinarians and other facilities.

She is the Director of Wildlife for

P.A.W.S. of Georgina and holds her license as a wildlife custodian with the MNR and has a migratory bird permit with the Canadian Wildlife Services. Her sanctuary, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, has no government funding and is a not for profit. She has done many educational programs for students and adults.

"Monika's an intelligent, compassionate person who has kept up to date with modern issues in wildlife conservation. We are lucky she and her partner have moved to our community. If you've got a soft spot for animals, then you are not going to want to miss this adorable and interesting visual presentation," says Sheryl Loucks, R.D.Lawrence Place coordinator.

If you have an interest in fostering orphaned baby wildlife then come on out and Melichar will explain how the program works as well as answer any questions about wildlife rescue.

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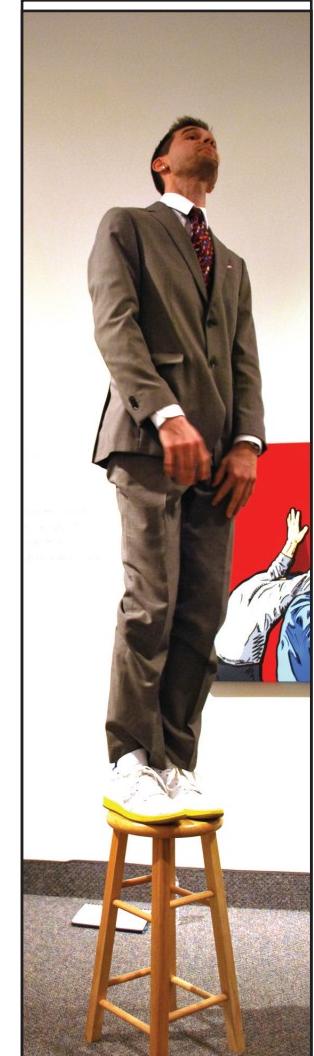
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Getting behind the wheel can turn the sane irrational

By Joe Duarte
QMI Agency

It never ceases to amaze me how seemingly responsible people can act so irrationally at the wheel of their vehicles when perceived injustices are done to them.

Just as I stepped out of the office to walk over to the local coffee shop (thinking about the direction of this week's column, actually) I heard a car's horn as a vehicular transgression nearly resulted in a crash. And it wasn't just a quick "TOOT!" to basically alert the other driver somebody was there, but a long drawn out horn that went on far longer than it was needed, and was then followed up by the offended driver stopping his car directly in front of the

transgressor to make sure that vehicle wasn't able to move until the offended was satisfied he had extracted his pound of flesh.

In the process, though, he also got a pound of flesh from others held up behind him.

And when another vehicle had the gall to issue a polite "toot!" to proclaim the point was made and it was time to move along, he got the finger before the offended squealed off in anger.

We sometimes put down drivers in other parts of the world for their use of car horns, but theirs is usually the short "I'm here!" notes and not the "You @#\$*&* dumb @#\$%*! Why don't you learn how to @#\$*&* drive? Or are you just so #\$%&* stupid to understand basic @#\$%* road rules? You dumb @#\$%*&!" And then they move on.

They have more important things to do than sit there doing nothing to insure the offender understands he/she did something that wasn't the right thing.

I was once in car driven by a colleague who intentionally slowed down so a car in the merging lane had to stop as he ran out of lane. When the other driver decided to accelerate and steer into the gap in front of our car, my driver laid on the horn for a good ten seconds, even though both our vehicles were already up to speed.

Another time, a guy who I guess didn't particularly like that I was travelling slower than he was in the highway right lane, planted himself on my bumper and followed me for a couple kilometres before I exited the highway at my intended exit and he sped past me while honking and giving me the finger.

Dude - I'm in the right lane so people like you can blow by me at will. Why didn't you just pass me, like everybody else?

I guess then the point wouldn't have been made that you were really, really annoyed with my impeding your speeding in the lane of your choosing.

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 - **April 27: Haliburton County Historical Society** presents Speaker Hilda Clark Topic: tour of the 100th Anniversary of Wilberforce Public School and National Historic Red Cross Outpost Located at the Wilberforce Public School @ 1:30pm (Please Bring garden chair)
 - **April 28: Planning for your child's education:** the Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of Financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241
 - **April 28: CFUW Card Party** at the Haliburton Curling Club at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00/person which includes lunch and door prizes. Cash bar available. All card and game players are welcome. All proceeds to the CFUW Scholarship Fund. Contact Linda at 705 457-2064 for tickets.
 - **April 30: SIRCH Hike for Hospice** Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, draws, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. 100% of funds raised stay in our community!
 - **April 30: Seventeenth Annual Dinner/Auction** in support of The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development located at Galway Hall Doors Open at 5:30 PM , Dinner at 7:00 PM Tickets \$25
 - **April 30: Lochlin United Church** offers a presentation of "An Evening of Gospel Music" Featuring CROSS BEAT at 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Located on Lochlin Rd. off Gelert Rd. County Road 1. Info: Bev. 705-286-6772
 - **April 30: Haliburton Concert Series** presents Woodwind Quintette. Located at the Northern Lights Pavilion at 7:30pm The series is Adults \$50 Students \$25 \$125 for a family pass. Contact Brenda at 705-457-2695 or visit haliburtoncs.blogspot.com
 - **May 4: Book Club Meeting** at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library 1pm-2pm Read any book based on the county and come prepared to discuss it. Call 705-766-9969 for more information
 - **May 5: Ovarian Cancer Canada Knowledge is Power Presentation** 6:30pm Located at Kawartha Endodontics 425 Water St. Suite 100, Peterborough. RSVP 705-750-0700 or kim@kawarthaendo.com
 - **May 5: Ladies In Fellowship Together:** 7:30-9:30pm Midwifery In Haliburton County 2 1/2 years later Rebecca Weeks, Speaker & Music Toots Reid for info call Julie 705-286-4943
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Friends and family are invited to call at LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH 9 Park St., Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday April 23, 2011 from 1 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 2 o'clock. The family requests that, in honour of Mara, all donations be made to Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton, Ontario or to Community Living Haliburton County. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Isabel Rivers, passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Wednesday April 20, 2011, in her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late John Henry Rivers (2010). Dear Mother of Wendy Rivers, Cathy and Bev Hunter, predeceased by her infant daughter Noreen. Loving Grandmother "Mother" of T.J. Rivers (Esther Sipe). Dear sister of Bill (Diane) Hellens and predeceased by her sister Grace Welch. Isabel is fondly remembered by the Rivers and Davis Families.

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